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SUBJECT: BERLIN AND DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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1. THE PATIJN REPORT, I.E. THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S DRAFT OF A CONVENTION ON DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, EXISTS IN ONLY ONE VERSION, THAT REFERRED TO IN PARA 9 REFTEL.

2. WORKING GROUPS CONPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION, THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT HAVE BEEN MEETING IN BRUSSELS SINCE JANUARY TO DRAFT A CONVENTION WHICH IS DUE TO BE SUBMITTED FIRST TO THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL IN LIXEMBOURG APRIL 1-2. THESE WORKING GROUPS HAVE USED THE PATIJN REPORT AS THE BASIS FOR THEIR DRAFTING EXERCISE BUT AS THEIR WORK PROCEEDS INEVITABLE REVISIONS IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION ARE TAKING PLACE. (THE AREASE CAUSING GREATEST CONCERN AT THE PRESENT INCLUDE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS FOR THE

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DIRECTLY-ELECTED PARLIAMENT AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE MEMBER STATES.) THE MISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE CURRENT

VERSION FROM BRUSSELS SOURCES AND WILL FORWARD IT TO BONN IF WE
ARE SUCCESSFUL, (IT MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM THE FRG IN BONN).
IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE A FAIRLY DEFINITIVE VERSION
AFTER THE MARCH 1-2 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL MEETING.
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